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CONVERT TO SOCIALISM RE SIGNS.

A Mr. Patterson, who was commissioner of Public Works for Chicago, refuses to hold office because he has become a convert to the creed of Socialism. In explanation of his belief he says:

"By distributing money evenly, I do not mean to say that all the money in the country should be cut up into equal bits, and that everybody should get a bit. But, on the contrary, I believe that the ownership from which money springs should be vested in the whole community. In other words, as I understand it, I am a Socialist. I have hardly read a book on Socialism, but the which I have just enumerated, I believe in general to be their theory. If it be their theory I am a Socialist. You will find, and other advanced liberals and radicals who believe as I do, will also find that you are merely pattering with skin deep measures when you stop short of Socialism."

Mr. Patterson's views are of no special importance for they have been set forth with more detail and vigor by many men who have preceded him; but he does advance a decidedly new and original proposition when, by his actions, he declares that holding office is incompatible with his new creed. From most of the Socialistic speeches we have had the pleasure of hearing, we had gained the idea that office-holding was a very large portion of the comprehensive plan for upsetting the present "system," and this belief was strengthened by the fact that the Socialists split up into factions just like other political parties—each faction claiming to be the only true and original dyed-in-the-wool exponent of Socialism and denouncing their fellow-voters of the other faction with as much vim as the common enemy.

Mr. Patterson gives us a new view of the subject. Would that he could convert to his way of thinking some of the grafters, who, without any well founded political principles, save "we need the money," have fattened for years at the expense of the public service, if not directly from the public treasury!

SOLDIERS' HOME ROW.

We know little concerning the military details of the questions at issue between Colonel Knox, governor of the Soldiers' Home at Hampton, but if the matter has been clearly set forth in the reports coming from that institution, we find it difficult to justify the new government's actions by any rule of common sense.

While it is absolutely essential that a certain amount of military security be maintained in handling such a large body of men, there is no reason why the rules and regulations of army life should be carried further than necessary to preserve order on the reservation. So long as it is proved by sound reasoning that they enjoy the selling commission they

had accumulated in their barracks, and even if the letter of the rules required their removals we believe it would have been the part of wisdom for the officers in charge to have overlooked the fact. Certainly no sensible person would have condemned them for such inaction.

THE PRESS AND CRIMINALITY.
A late epidemic of crime which has swept over Chicago is taken as the text for a preachment as to the responsibility resting on the press of the country, especially of the great cities, for its alleged influence in promoting crime.

In some instances half-baked youths may have been led into crime by reading of the exploits, frequently imaginary, of some desperado, but a careful investigation of the various crimes that are recorded in the daily papers will show that the causes are as varied as are the conditions surrounding the criminal when the deed is committed and that few, if any of them are superinduced by newspaper reading.

Revolting crimes were committed and fiendish tortures were devised by brigands and assassins long before the newspapers became a universal power and influence. Today the same passions sway men that swayed them in the days of the Inquisition and they, rather than the newspaper or any other exterior influences, are responsible for crime.

We have received the initial number of the Southside Journal, published under a Smithfield, Va., date line. It is a neatly-printed eight-column quarto. Its news and editorial columns are handled in a breezy and attractive way. The prosperous little town across the river ought to give abundant support to an enterprising and deserving weekly. If the Southside Journal lives up to its salutary pledges, and we have no doubt that it will, it should literally "fill a long-felt want."

The Binghamton Ledger informs us that "Congress is thinking of making a new set of canal laws." That may be all right, but we have a double-leaded suspicion that half a dozen steam shovels would do better service on the isthmus.

Some one writing in the Atlantic Monthly suggests that the "captains of industry" should go into politics. Political conditions already are bad enough; let the shoemaker stick to his last.

Deacon Baer thinks the President should intervene to settle the hard coal dispute. This is the same deacon who so strenuously opposed the President's interference the last time. He thinks that he is the losing side of the proposition now.

A Pennsylvania town has a boy who can walk one way and face the other. So many places have politicians who can talk one way and face the other that it has ceased to be a matter for comment.

A Harvard professor says all men are blockheads after the age of 30. We fail to see why he put the limit so high.

The Wonders of Transposition.
The word "time" admits of a very peculiar arrangement of its letters. The four letters of the word transposed and read backward and forward and up and down give four perfect English and Latin words. It is said to be the only word in our language that will admit of so many transpositions and arrangements. Note the oddity of its square below:

T I M E
I T E M
M E T I
E M I T

The above words in English as well as in Latin are all complete, and the curious part of it is that reading them backward and forward and up and down gives the same result that transposing the letters in the original word does. Their significance as Latin words is as follows: Time, fear thou; Item, likewise; meti, to be measured; emit, he buys.

Curious Facts About the Eye.
A very curious fact is the impossibility of moving your eye while examining the reflection of that organ in a mirror. It is really the most movable part of the face. Yet if you hold your head fixed and try to move your eye while watching it you cannot do it—even the one-thousandth of an inch. Of course if you look at the reflection of the nose or any other part of your face your eye must move to see it. But the strange thing is that the moment you endeavor to perceive the motion the eye is fixed. This is one of the reasons why a person's expression as seen by himself in a glass is quite different from what it is when seen by others.

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HELEN KELLER PLEADS

Deaf, Dumb and Blind Girl Tells
What Can be Accomplished.

URGES MASSACHUSETTS TO ACT

Young Woman on Account of Recent Illness Was Unable to Attend Hearing But Sends Letter to the Massachusetts Legislature.

(By Associated Press.)
BOSTON, March 5.—A letter from Miss Helen Keller, who is deaf, dumb and blind, supporting a bill for the appointment of a state commission for the blind, was the feature of a hearing on the bill at the State House. Miss Keller had expected to



MISS HELEN KELLER.

be present at the hearing but her recent prostration from overwork prevented it. In her letter, Miss Keller said:

"If you know how patiently the blind have awaited the report of the commission (appointed in 1903 to investigate the needs of the blind) I am sure you would have given heed to the bill that is now before you. The sightless not only in Massachusetts, but in the whole United States are looking to you with new hope for release from a bondage of idleness and despair."

"Investigation has shown that blind babies can often be so trained that they shall commence school life at healthy, well developed boys and girls. Many of the adult blind can be taught to produce useful and beautiful articles and thus become wholly or partially self-supporting."

Miss Helen Keller was said to be showing great improvement from her recent prostration.

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CARTER H. HARRISON TO REENTER THE ARENA.

Former Mayor of Chicago Anxious to Resume Power in the Windy City It is Believed.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Ill., March 5.—Former Mayor Carter H. Harrison has informed his political friends and followers that he will remain in Chicago until after the spring election. He is attacking the acts of Mayor Dunne and it is believed he will run again for mayor.

Mr. Harrison like his father, who was mayor of Chicago too, has led a strenuous life. He was elected mayor at a time when all the newspapers with one exception were carrying on a violent campaign against him.

The Worrying Habit.

I asked a physician what cure he would suggest for the worrying habit. "I would prescribe common sense," he said. "And if a man or woman hasn't got a stock on hand and can't cultivate one no doctor can give it to him or her. This worrying nonsense grows. The best means to cure it lies in the hands of the woman herself. If she will just call a little common sense to her aid, resolve not to borrow trouble, to be cheerful and think upon the best side of things, she will live longer and retain her beauty longer. Every woman wants to keep beautiful to the last. Why does she take the course which is sure to make her yellow, skinned, dull eyed and thoroughly unlovely?"

Why, indeed?—New York Globe.

Vanilla.

It is curious to find that vanilla was employed by the Aztecs of Mexico as an ingredient in the manufacture of chocolate prior to the discovery of America by the Spaniards and that it was brought to Europe as a perfume with indigo, cochineal and cacao ten years before the arrival of tobacco on our shores. The name vanilla is derived from the Spanish *vanina*, a pod or capsule. Thunberg described it as a little pod full of small black seeds and like the stem of a tobacco leaf, so much

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Black Mohair and Brilliantine, nice goods, fine luster— a yard, 50c, 75c and	\$1.00
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